

IN THE TITLE:

Please replace the Title with following new Title:

--METHODS FOR PRODUCING AMINO ACIDS IN CORYNEFORM BACTERIA USING AN ENHANCED sigD GENE--

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the specification as shown in the attached AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION.

Please replace the Abstract on page 29 of the specification with the attached Abstract of the Specification.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Cancel claims 1-11, 13, 15, 17, 18, 20-22 and 26-28 without prejudice or disclaimer.

Please amend claims 12, 14, 16, 19, and 23-25 and add new claims 29-35 as shown in the attached LISTING OF CLAIMS.